

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: October 17, 2006

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:33 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:44 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Joanne Sanders, Chair
Paul Bateman
Lynn McWhirter
Jackie Nytes
Lincoln Plowman

Absent Members

Vernon Brown
Becky Langsford

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 525, 2006 - determines the need to lease approximately 32,000 square feet of space at 8650 West Washington Street for use by various divisions of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and by other city and county offices

“Do Pass”

Vote 5-0

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council met on Tuesday, October 17, 2006. Chair Joanne Sanders called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. with the following members present: Paul Bateman, Lynn McWhirter, Jackie Nytes, and Lincoln Plowman. Absent were Councillors Vernon Brown and Becky Langsford.

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Chairwoman Sanders said each committee member should have a memorandum (See Exhibit A on file in the Council Office) from Suzannah Overholt, Indianapolis Works Transition Director, regarding the proposal.

Ms. Overholt said the Committee members also received a map (See Exhibit B on file in the Council Office) indicating where the property is located. She said the property is known as the old Bridgeport School, which is on the west side in Wayne Township. Ms. Overholt said the location is across from the airport property.

Ms. Overholt said the property is 32,000 square feet. Wayne Township Schools approached Sheriff Frank Anderson about leasing the facility. She said the school used the property as their information systems (IS) building. She said the school is relocating its IS people to another location. Ms. Overholt said the school system thought it would be helpful for the police department to use the facility. She said the school system is trying to preserve the facility in case their demographics change and they need more school space. Ms. Overholt said that would be the only thing that would alter the lease arrangement.

Ms. Overholt said various divisions of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) would be located in the facility. The divisions located at the facility could be investigations, planning and research, and data transcribers. She said some people are currently located in the City-County Building (CCB), so space in the CCB will be available for the three new courts that are being created.

Ms. Overholt said all of the occupants of the building have not been identified. She said that the Metropolitan Emergency Communications Agency (MECA) needs a backup dispatch facility, and there have been discussions with them about the new facility. She said that MECA has been to the school and is interested, but they are working out logistical details.

Ms. Overholt said it is a great opportunity to partner with Wayne Township Schools and have a police presence in a part of the County where there is currently not a physical location.

Ms. Overholt said the lease is \$1 per year, plus utilities. She said utilities are approximately \$26,800 per year. That amounts to less than \$1 per square foot for the 32,000 square feet building.

Ms. Overholt said there would need to be some information technology (IT) upgrades to the building. She said they expect to be in the building for a long time, so it is worth the IT investment.

Councillor McWhirter asked if renovations will be needed for the building since it is old. Ms. Overholt said the original part of the building was built in the 1930s or 40s, and there was an addition in the 1970s. She said she toured the facility, and it is in better shape than the Indianapolis Police Department's (IPD) Training Academy. She said the building is better than some offices in the CCB.

Councillor Sanders said since it was used as the IT Center for Wayne Township Schools there is an implication that it was well maintained. Ms. Overholt said the building is nicely carpeted, and the desks and bookcases will remain in the facility. She said the building will not be remodeled, and the classrooms will be used as they are. Ms. Overholt said they will use the same approach for occupying the building as was done with the IPD Training Academy. She said the only major upgrade would be to IT and the voicemail system.

Councillor McWhirter said Marion County has roll call at the Wayne Township Fire Headquarters. She asked if that roll call would go away. Ms. Overholt said all of the satellite roll calls will be maintained to the extent that the other parties are interested in allowing them to continue.

Councillor McWhirter said it is an excellent location and it is good that the schools are partnering with IMPD.

Councillor Nytes asked if the facility will be the district headquarters for Metro Southwest. Ms. Overholt answered in the negative and said the district headquarters for Metro Southwest will be at the current IPD West District Headquarters which is located at 550 N. King Street. She said the facility on King Street is on the northeastern part of the Metro Southwest district. Ms. Overholt said the Bridgeport School could be an additional community room for the district or have satellite facilities for the district commander and detectives. She said people in the district would have a facility closer to where they live.

Ms. Overholt said the satellite roll call sites are something Sheriff Anderson uses so that outlying deputies can do their work. The satellite roll call sites are generally facilities without a lease and are free. She said the Bridgeport facility would have a physical presence and be linked to the police department.

Councillor Nytes asked for the number of people that will be housed at the Bridgeport facility. Ms. Overholt said she does not know, but will get the information to her later. Councillor Nytes said it would be good to know because it will help the Council determine the impact of the new courts in the CCB.

Councillor Nytes moved, seconded by Councillor Bateman, to send Proposal No. 525, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Sanders, Chair
Administration and Finance Committee

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